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## PERU.

*Report from Callao—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Status of plague in Peru—Smallpox in Lima—Plague in Iquique, Chile.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Gutierrez reports, October 19:

Week ended October 17. Three steamships were fumigated. They carried an aggregate personnel of 203 members of crews, 87 cabin passengers, and 88 steerage passengers.

The following is the latest report on plague in Peru, received from the Director de Salubridad publica:

Locality.	Cases Sept. 29.	New.	Re- covered.	Died.	Remain- ing Oct. 7.
Lima .....	8	.....	3	.....	5
Chorrillos .....	3	.....	2	.....	1
Callao .....	4	1	1	1	3
Barranco .....	.....	1	.....	.....	1
Trujillo (city) .....	32	0	7	4	33
Trujillo (country) .....		12			
Chepen .....	7	8	2	6	7
Ferreñafe .....	1	.....	.....	.....	1
Pai a .....	1	6	.....	5	2
Mollendo .....	2	.....	.....	.....	2
Chiclayo .....	1	.....	1	.....	.....

Since my last report only 1 case of plague has occurred in Callao. No new cases of smallpox have been reported in Callao. In Lima there are 8 cases of smallpox in the lazaretto. Bills of health for Chile report 1 case of plague, October 6, in the lazaretto at Iquique.

## PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

*Report from Manila—Status of cholera in Manila and the provinces—Disinfection of transport Sheridan on account of cholera—Inspection of vessels.*

Chief Quarantine Officer McClintic reports, September 29 and October 6:

Week ended September 26. There were during the week 314 cases of cholera, with 184 deaths, and 4 cases of smallpox, with 1 death in the city of Manila.

During the first of the week the cholera epidemic seemed to reach its maximum, there being 59 cases reported September 20, but since that date the number of cases has gradually decreased.

The bureau of health is taking very energetic steps to stamp out the disease, and with a large force of men is using large quantities of formalin, carbolic acid, and lime in disinfecting the infected districts. Results of their campaign are already becoming manifest by the large decrease in the daily number of cases, and, furthermore, the virulence of the disease is decreasing, as is evidenced by the diminishing mortality.

*Provincial cholera.*—The following is an unofficial list of the cases and deaths from cholera in the provinces of the Philippine Islands for the week:

Province.	Cases.	Deaths.
Rizal.....	97	75
Bulacan.....	57	37
Ilocos Sur.....	6	5
Pampanga.....	11	7
Pangasinan.....		2
Union.....	21	15
Iloilo.....	434	274
Occidental, Negros.....	386	271
Antique.....	41	21
Capiz.....	43	21
Laguna.....	1	1
Palawan.....	1	1
Cavite.....	24	15
Total.....	1,122	745

During the week consular bills of health were issued at the port of Manila as follows:

September 21 the United States Army transport *Sheridan*, with 181 in the crew, 148 cabin passengers, and 258 steerage passengers, was granted a bill of health for San Francisco via Nagasaki and Honolulu, after having been twice disinfected and held in quarantine for seven days on account of 2 cases of cholera having occurred on board in the persons of a passenger and of a member of the crew. September 23 the British steamship *Jesseric*, with 55 in the crew and 38 passengers, en route from Yokohama to Boston and New York via Cebu, was granted a supplemental bill of health after the usual inspection of personnel and cargo.

Week ended October 3. Sixty-seven cases of cholera with 33 deaths, and 1 case of smallpox were reported for the city of Manila.

*Provincial cholera.*—During the week cholera was reported from the provinces as follows:

Provinces.	Cases.	Deaths.
Rizal.....	64	52
Bulacan.....	38	21
Ilocos Sur.....	15	11
Pampanga.....	11	6
Capiz.....	57	41
Palawan.....	13	11
Union.....	4	3
Cavite.....	15	7
Iloilo.....	687	381
Occidental Negros.....	605	357
Antique.....	153	87
Laguna.....	4	.....
Total.....	1,666	977

During the week consular bills of health were issued at the port of Manila as follows:

September 29 the British steamship *Kaifong*, with 63 in the crew and with 5 passengers, en route from Hongkong to Cebu and Iloilo, was granted a supplemental bill of health. The members of the crew were bathed and their effects were disinfected. The vessel was partially disinfected at Mariveles. October 1 the British steamship

*Craigvar*, with 38 in the crew, was granted a bill of health for Tacoma via Hongkong and Japanese ports after the usual inspection of personnel and cargo. October 2 the British steamship *Antilochus*, with 88 in the crew, en route from Glasgow to Seattle and Tacoma, was granted a supplemental bill of health after inspection of cargo and personnel.

#### PORTO RICO.

*Report from Ponce—Transactions of Service, month of October, 1908.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ferrer-Torres reports, November 2, through Chief Quarantine Officer Foster:

*Month of October, 1908.*

Vessels inspected.....	9
Vessels in quarantine.....	4
Passengers inspected:	
Incoming.....	69
In transit.....	282
Immigrants inspected.....	11
Members of crews inspected.....	448
Bills of health issued.....	24
Passengers detained in quarantine.....	10

#### RUSSIA.

*Report from Libau—Status of cholera in Russia—Examination of emigrants.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon DeForrest reports, November 2:

The steamship *Korea* sailed from this port October 27, with 10 officers, 80 members of crew, 31 cabin passengers, and 567 steerage passengers; total, 683. All had been in Libau for 5 days previous to sailing and were examined previous to embarkation.

Cholera is apparently rapidly diminishing. The following is a report of cholera cases and deaths from October 26 to November 2:

	New cases.	Deaths.
St. Petersburg:		
To October 27.....	22	28
To October 28.....	16	10
To October 29.....	30	9
Suburbs.....	4	1
District.....	3	2
To October 30.....	17	12
To October 31.....	15	8
To November 1.....	16	3
To November 2.....	19	7
Total.....	142	80

During the last week no new cases have developed at Riga. At present there is 1 case at Riga, and one case has been discharged cured.

Snow has fallen in many portions of Russia and this will greatly lessen travel.

At Libau all intending emigrants are visited by the city physician or his assistant on each of five successive days. Cultures are taken when any case is suspicious.